

# NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH



## Week 3: Protect your family & property from disaster



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Being prepared for a disaster may mean the difference between a quick recovery and years of difficulty and financial challenges. Limit the impacts that disasters have on you and your family by taking these low-cost to no-cost preparedness steps:



### Know the risk of disasters in your area

Visit [www.ready.gov/be-informed](http://www.ready.gov/be-informed) to learn what disasters and hazards could affect your area, how to get emergency alerts, and where you would go if you and your family need to evacuate. Visit [bit.ly/AlertVA](http://bit.ly/AlertVA) to download the FEMA app to receive real-time alerts from the National Weather Service.



### Strengthen your home against disasters

There are actions that you can take that can lessen the impact that a potential disaster might have on your home or property. Trimming trees away from your home, installing working shutters, anchoring your manufactured home, or creating a tornado safe room to protect your family are all examples of mitigation.



### Document and insure your property

Understanding your insurance needs is an important step to prepare yourself and your family for a disaster. Getting the right type and amount of insurance may mean the difference between a quick recovery from disaster and years of financial challenges. To learn more, visit [bit.ly/InsuredForDisasters](http://bit.ly/InsuredForDisasters).

Visit [www.ready.gov/be-informed](http://www.ready.gov/be-informed) for more info and resources about low-cost to no-cost preparedness steps you can take.